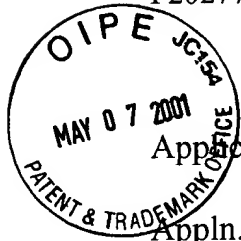


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent publication No. 8-315404 to YAMAMOTO et al., laid-open November 29, 1996, and entitled "Optical Pickup Apparatus" as well as its corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,764,613, issued June 9, 1998.

Copies of the above-noted publications are attached hereto.

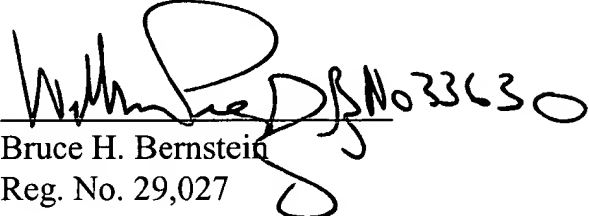
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of each of the above-noted documents, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing these documents are included for that purpose. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the PTO-1449 form

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to the Applicant together with the next Official Action in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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